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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: SF, PINT, SHUM

SUBJECT: HOMELANDS TO BE "INTERNALLY AUTONOMOUS"

1. ON MARCH 28, BANTU HOMELAND CONSTITUTION AMENDMENT

BILL WAS GIVEN FIRST READING IN PARLIAMENT. CRUX

OF BILL IS THAT PROCESS OF HOMELAND DEVELOPMENT

TOWARD SELF GOVERNMENT WOULD BE GIVEN THIRD INTERIM

STAGE, THAT OF "INTERNALLY AUTONOMOUS COUNTRY".

HOMELANDS WILL VOLUNTARILY CHOOSE THIS STAGE.

THEY WOULD BE ALLOWED TO RUN ALL INTERNAL AFFAIRS.

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THEY CAN MAKE THEIR OWN CONSTITUTION; SET UP

EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATURE IN MANNER DESIRED; AND

SCRAP UNWANTED LAWS SUCH AS MIXED MARRIAGES ACT,

CENSORSHIP, ETC. SAG WOULD MAINTAIN POWERS OVER

FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND "CERTAIN LIMITED FINANCIAL AND

COMMUNITY MATTERS."

2. MINISTER OF BANTU ADMINISTRATION, M.C. BOTHA,  
REPORTED BY PRESS TO HAVE CLAIMED THAT NEW STATUS  
IS HIGHEST LEVEL OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT  
"THIS SIDE OF EXTERNAL SOVEREIGN INDEPENDENCE."  
HE SAID THAT NO HOMELAND WILL BE FORCED TO ACCEPT  
STATUS. PRESS COMMENT ON NEW BILL IS THAT GOVERNMENT  
MAY SEE IT AS STEP TOWARDS ULTIMATE INDEPENDENCE;  
HOWEVER, HOMELAND LIKE KWAZULU, WHICH REJECTS INDEPENDENCE,  
CAN USE IT AS END IN ITSELF TO AVOID DRAWBACKS OF  
INDEPENDENCE BUT STILL LEGALLY ADDRESS SOME OF ILLS  
OF APARTHEID AND ENJOY RELATIVE POLITICAL AUTONOMY.

3. COPY OF DRAFT LEGISLATION BEING POUCHED DEPARTMENT.  
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